

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 5, lines 2-4 the sentence should be amended to read:

“What is neededed is an improved scoop device for extracting manure from bedding material and having detachable parts and a power pack housed within a detachable handle for forming a counterweight to a scoop head when the device is lifted.”

On page 6, line 21 the following paragraph should be inserted:

“Figure 2C illustrates a view of a battery pack, handle, and motor coupled together, in accordance with the present invention.”

On page 8, line 4-6 the sentence should be amended to read:

“The elongated elements 210 can extend in multiple directions to maximize an amount of manure scooped and retained while still permitting most of the bedding material to fall through the apertures [210] 215.”

On page 9, line 9 the paragraph should be amended to read:

“Referring now to Figures 2A, ~~[[and]]~~ 2B and 2C, the handle 400 includes a power pack 410 for supplying electrical power to the motor assembly 300. The power pack 410 also forms a counterweight to aid in lifting the device 100 (Figure 1) when loaded. The power pack 410 can be housed within the handle 400 and includes one or more batteries. Preferably the batteries are rechargeable. The handle 400 further includes a switch 405 disposed on the handle 410 for connecting power from the power pack 410 to the motor assembly 300 via a plurality of wires ~~(not shown)~~ 415. The wires ~~(not shown)~~ 415 provide electric power from the power pack 410 to activate the motor assembly 300. To utilize the present invention, the user scoops up a portion of bedding material and manure and then activates the motor assembly 300 via the switch 405 causing the connector 301 to vibrate which causes the bedding material to fall through the scoop head 200 (Figure 1), leaving only disposable manure (and used bedding material) in the scoop head 200 (Figure 1). Figure 2C illustrates the plurality of wires 415 connecting the battery pack to the motor.”

On page 9, line 21 the paragraph should be amended to read:

“Referring now to Figures 3A and 3B, a stand 500 having two ends 505 and 510 is releasably coupled to the device by a release mechanism ~~(not shown)~~ 515. A first end 510 of the stand 500 extends downward to a ground level at an approximately thirty degree angle from the

device. A second end 505 of the stand 500 is secured to the device, preferably to a lower section of the handle. The release mechanism (not shown) 515 releases the stand 500 in a fully deployed position to facilitate raising the scoop head such that the first end 510 of the stand 500 comes into contact with the ground level. By utilizing the stand 500, the user need only push down on a proximal section of the handle 400 to raise the scoop head 200 (Figure 1) full of manure and bedding material. In an alternative embodiment of a optional stand 600, as shown in Figure 3B, the optional stand 600 includes a substantially middle section 610 coupled to the handle and two L-shaped arms 620 and 630 that extend outward on either side of the device, wherein the device extends substantially perpendicular over the stand 600. [[Thess]] This embodiment can reduce the number of back problems resulting from manure cleanup since use of the stands will minimize strain on the user.

~~The floors in many horse barns are uneven. The wheels are preferably caster mounted and larger than the typical surface irregularities in a barn floor to allow ease of moving the assembly from one stall to the next."~~